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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Helms et al.

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FOR: Articulated Drillstring Entry  
Apparatus and Method

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 18, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Atty. Docket No.: SPE-24  
Date: April 5, 2006

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated January 18, 2006 and in response requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Please find enclosed the following sections:

Amendments to the Specification, beginning on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims, beginning on page 18.

Remarks, beginning on page 27.